## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

DUK SOOK KUHRY-HAEUSER,	)
Plaintiff,	) ) 8:05cv37
VS.	ORDER on INITIAL REVIEW
JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES,	)
Defendant.	)

This matter is before the court for initial review of the complaint filed by the plaintiff, Duk Sook Kuhry-Haeuser. The plaintiff has filed this action based on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq. ("Title VII"), and the Nebraska Fair Employment Practices Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 48-1101 et seq. ("NFEPA"), alleging employment discrimination based on gender and unlawful retaliation against the plaintiff. I have previously granted the plaintiff's Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis ("IFP").

This case is assigned to the docket of District Judge Richard G. Kopf. However, a Magistrate Judge may conduct initial review. Having reviewed the complaint, I find that this case need not be dismissed on initial review. Therefore, as initial review of the complaint is now completed, it is time for service of process on the defendant, as set forth below. Because the plaintiff is proceeding IFP, the U.S. Marshal will serve the defendant, after the plaintiff completes the appropriate forms.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. To obtain service of process on the defendant, the plaintiff must complete and return forms which the Clerk of Court will provide. The Clerk of Court shall send one summons and one Form 285 to the plaintiff together with a copy of this Order.
- 2. The plaintiff shall, as soon as possible, complete the forms and send them back to the Clerk of Court. In the absence of the completed forms, service of process cannot occur.
- 3. Upon receipt of the completed summons and 285 forms, the Clerk will sign the summons, to be forwarded, together with a copy of the complaint, to the U.S. Marshal for service of process. A plaintiff proceeding IFP does not have to copy the complaint; the court will do so on the plaintiff's behalf. The Marshal shall serve the summons and complaint without payment of costs or fees. Service may be by certified mail pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and Nebraska law in the discretion of the Marshal.

- 4. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 requires service of the complaint on a defendant within 120 days of filing the complaint. However, because in this order the plaintiff is informed for the first time of these requirements, the plaintiff is granted, on the court's own motion, an extension of time until 120 days from the date of this order to complete service of process. Failure to obtain service of process on the defendant within 120 days of the date of this order may result in dismissal of this matter without further notice.
- 5. If service has been obtained on no defendant by the deadline set forth above, the Clerk of Court shall bring this case to the attention of the court.
- 6. After an appearance has been filed by the defendant, the plaintiff shall serve on the defendant or, if an appearance has been entered by counsel, upon such counsel, a copy of every future pleading, letter or other document submitted to the court. Parties usually serve copies on other parties by first class mail.
- 7. The plaintiff shall include with each document submitted to the court a "Certificate of Service" stating the date a true and correct copy of such document was mailed to the defendant or to the attorney of a represented defendant. To send communications to the court without serving a copy on the other parties to the case violates the rules of court.
- 8. The defendant shall have twenty (20) days after receipt of the summons to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.
- 9. The parties are bound by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by the Local Rules of this court.
- 10. The plaintiff shall keep the court informed of her current address at all times while this case is pending. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

s/ F. A. GOSSETT United States Magistrate Judge

## INSTRUCTIONS: SUMMONS FORMS AND FORMS 285 for plaintiffs proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis

- 1. A summons form provides notice to a defendant that the defendant has been sued and must answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.
- 2. A form USM-285 ("285 form") provides directions to the U.S. Marshal as to whom to serve with process and where to serve the defendant(s). The U.S. Marshal serves the defendant(s) without cost to you because you are proceeding in forma pauperis ("IFP").
- 3. Do not copy your complaint to attach to the summons; the court will do that for you.
- 4. You may serve only defendant(s) named in the case caption of the complaint. If you wish to serve additional defendant(s), you must move for leave to amend the complaint to add the additional defendant(s) to the case caption. "John Doe" plaintiffs cannot be served with process.
- 5. Be sure to print your case number on all forms.
- 6. You must give an address for each party to be served. The U.S. Marshal and the court will not know a defendant's address.
- 7. Where a summons form states: "You are hereby summoned and required to serve on plaintiff's attorney" print <u>your</u> name and address.
- 8. Where a form 285 states: "send notice of service copy to requestor at name and address" print your name and address.
- 9. Where a form 285 calls for "signature of attorney or other originator" provide your signature and date the form.
- 10. Leave the last part of the summons form blank. The court will fill in the number of days in which the defendant must answer, and the court will sign and date the form.